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SUBJ: EDITORIAL CALL FOR STRICT TOURIST REGULATIONS AND ATTACK OF
CIA

REF: A) ADDIS ABABA 1944, B) ADDIS ABABA 1911

SUMMARY: AS FOLLOW UP TO EXPULSION OF TWO BLACK AMERICANS ACCUSED
OF BEING CIA AGENTS AND EDU COLLABORATORS, APRIL 1 AMHARIC PRESS
EDITORIAL AND CALLED FOR TIGHTENING OF TOURIST REGULATIONS.
EDITORIAL TITLED "CIA CAUGHT RED -HANDED" , CONTAINED STRONG
ATTACK ON CIA, ONCE AGAIN LINKING IT TO ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE'S
REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (EPRP). EDITORIAL WARNED THAT CIA STILL
HAS THOUSANDS OF ITS AGENTS IN ETHIOPIA, AND IT SHOULD NOT BE
ASTONISHING IF THE CIA, IN THE FUTURE, SENDS EPRP COHORTS TO
ETHIOPIA WITH AMERICAN TOURIST VISAS. END SUMMARY

1. IN EFFORT TO EXPLOIT RECENT EXPULSION OF TWO BLACK
AMERICANS TO FULLEST, AMHARIC DAILY PAPER SEIZED OPPORTUNITY
TO CALL FOR STRICTER TOURIST REGULATIONS AND TO LAMBASTE CIA.
EDITORIAL STATED SPIES COME INTO COUNTRY AS TOURISTS AND
NOBODY PAYS ATTENTION TO WHERE THEY GO OR WHO THEY CONTACT.
IT CONTINUED, THIS KIND OF LENIENCY IS NOT SHOWN IN MORE
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DEVELOPED SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, LET ALONE SHOULD IT BE ALLOWED
IN SUCH BEGINNERS AS ETHIOPIA. IN DESCRIBING TOURIST
REGULATIONS IN OTHER "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES , EDITORIAL CLAIMED
TOURISTS ARE MADE AWARE OF PLACES THEY COULD VISIT, TIME
THEY COULD REMAIN IN COUNTRY, AND SOMETIMES PEOPLE THEY COULD
MEET DURING THEIR STAY PRIOR TO THEIR ENTRY, EDITORIAL
CHALLENGED, ANY TOURIST WHO DID NOT WISH TO VISIT ETHIOPIA UNDER

THESE CONDITIONS, COULD CHOOSE NOT TO DO SO, BECAUSE ETHIOPIAN
REVOLUTION MORE VALUABLE THAN TOURISTS DOLLARS. EDITORIAL LEFT
UNANSWERED, QUESTION OF WHO WOULD CO-ORDINATE AND REGULATE TOURIST
CONTROLS.

2. IN ATTEMPT TO EXPLAIN WHY CIA SO INTENT UPON ABORTING
REVOLUTIONS IN AFRICA, LATIN AMERICA, AND ASIA, EDITORIAL
CLAIMED PRIMARY REASON WAS TO RESERVE EXPLOITING RIGHTS OF
INDUSTRIAL MONOPOLISTS AND SECONDLY TO CONTROL STRATEGIC
POINTS ALL OVER WORLD. COLUMN ALLEGED, SENDING OF TWO BLACK
AMERICANS TO WORK IN COLLABORATION WITH EDU, ONLY SMALL
FRACTION OF CIA'S MANY EVIL MACHINATIONS. IT ADDED, IT SHOULD
NOT BE ASTONISHING IF THE CIA IN THE FUTURE, SENDS EPRP
COHORTS TO ETHIOPIA WITH AMERICAN TOURIST VISAS.

3. COMMENT: OF COURSE IF EPMG WERE TO IMPLEMENT EDITORIAL'S
PROPOSALS, ATMOSPHERE FOR TOURISM, ESPECIALLY AMERICAN TOURIST
WOULD BECOME PROBLEMATIC. WHETHER EPMG DOES OR NOT,
ATMOSPHERE FOR TOURISTS IS NOT GOOD, AND THIS ALL MORE REASON
TO DISCOURAGE AMERICAN TOURISTS FROM COMING HERE AT THIS TIME.
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